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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1360

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**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Hospitals, Physicians, Dentists, Rural Health Clinics, Clinics, Maternal Health Centers, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Certified Nurse Midwives, Birthing Centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers and Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** 2013 Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Payment Program Attestation Deadlines

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program provides EHR incentive payments to eligible professionals (EPs) who demonstrate meaningful use of electronic health record (EHR) technology. EPs that participate in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program are eligible to receive up to \$63,750 over six years that they choose to participate in the program.

In the first year of participation, EPs can receive an incentive payment of up to \$21,250 for adopting, implementing or upgrading EHR technology. In subsequent years, providers must demonstrate meaningful use (MU) to be eligible for an incentive payment of \$8,500 per year.

Eligible providers wishing to participate in the Medicaid (EHR) Incentive Program should keep in mind the following dates when working to complete their 2013 EHR Incentive applications.

### **Attestation Deadline:**

EPs wanting to attest for a 2013 EHR incentive payment for adopt/ implement/upgrade (AIU) or for demonstrating MU for 90 days must complete their application by March 1, 2014.

### **Exception:**

Any EP who is required to attest to 365 days of MU for 2013 will have until April 4, 2014, to complete their attestation. Iowa Medicaid is extending the attestation deadline for this group of EPs due to a system issue that has prevented these providers from attesting.

If you have any questions, please contact Tanya McAninch at 515-974-3123 or Deb Hebl at 515-974-3161 by email at: [imeincentives@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeincentives@dhs.state.ia.us).